



THERAPIST, CERTIFIED OCCUPATIONAL ASSISTANT

Characteristics of Work

This is sub-professional work in assisting in the application of technical occupational therapy treatments in a hospital/school for cerebral palsy, or an institutional setting for the mentally retarded/mentally ill/multi-handicapped, or in the independent performance of limited occupational therapy treatment to injured workers in an institution or department of state government. The work is performed under close supervision and instruction of a therapist, physician, or responsible administrative official. Supervision may be exercised over non-professional workers who assist in administering occupational therapy.

Examples of Work

Assists with evaluation process under OTR supervision.

Administer structured tests as directed by OTR.

Make recommendations to OTR supervisor as to continue or discontinue programming.

Assist in developing long term and short term goals.

Assist OTR in OT techniques and media and sequencing of activities.

Engage client in purposeful activity, in conjunction with therapeutic methods, to achieve goals identified in program.

Monitor treatment programs.

Orient and instruct significant others and non-OT staff in activities which support the therapeutic program.

Adapt orthotics and assistive equipment.

Prepare and maintain work setting, equipment and supplies.

Orient, supervise aides, and assist in their training.

Participate in inservice programs.

Participate in Habilitation and Treatment review meetings.

Related or similar duties are performed as required or assigned.

Minimum Requirements

Completion of a two-year program in occupational therapy from an accredited two-or-four-year college or university with an accredited school of occupational therapy and licensure as an Occupational Therapist Assistant from Mississippi State Board of Health;

OR

Minimum Requirements (Continued)

Completion of a two-year program in occupational therapy from an accredited two-or-four-year college or university with an accredited school of occupational therapy and receipt of a limited permit to practice as an Occupational Therapist Assistant from the Mississippi State Board of Health.

Document Required:

Applicant must submit a valid copy of his/her license to practice as an Occupational Therapist Assistant from the Mississippi State Board of Health or a valid copy of his/her limited permit to practice as an Occupational Therapist Assistant from the Mississippi State Board of Health.